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SUBJECT: GON REQUEST FOR CROP DUSTING--SPRAYING

REFS: (A) NIAMEY 2756 (B) ROME 9680 (C) STATE 132805
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1. IN RESPONSE TO REF (D), AID/W SUGGESTED THAT GON APPROACH
OCLALAV OR OICMA TO DETERMINE IF SUCH REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
WERE IN POSITION TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS ABOVE
AND BEYOND THAT PROVIDED UNDER ONGOING OSRO-FUNDED ACTIVI-
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TIES. AID/W FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT GON APPROACH CIDA TO

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DETERMINE IF LONG-TERM CROP PROTECTION PROGRAM UNDER CIDA SPONSORSHIP COULD PROVIDE ACCELERATED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. AS NO FOLLOW-UP RECEIVED FROM NIAMEY, AID/W NOT IN POSITION TO FULLY ANALYZE PRESENT REQUEST.

2. WHILE AID/W WISHES TO BE RESPONSIVE TO LEGITIMATE EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS THE UTILIZATION OF R/R FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESENTS NEW DIMENSION TO PROBLEM/SOLUTION WHICH MUST BE GIVEN STRONG CONSIDERATION. ALTHOUGH R/R PROGRAM NOT ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED TO MEET EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS,

PRECEDENT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY SUCH ACTIVITIES AS NIGER 683-G (B) TARPAULINS FOR EMERGENCY STORAGE AND SHELTER; NIGER 683-E (B) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES; AND 683-D SUPPLEMENTARY LIVESTOCK FEED. IT IS NOTED THAT THE RECENT AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT ON NIGER R/R PROGRAMS DID NOT FAULT THESE ACTIVITIES AS DIVERGING FROM THE R/R CRITERIA.

3. AID/W WILLING TO GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO UTILIZATION OF UNPROGRAMMED R/R FUNDS WITHIN THE EXISTING 2.5 MILLION GRANT LEVEL AFTER RDO/NIAMEY HAS ADDRESSED FOLLOWING POINTS AND IS SATISFIED AS TO VALIDITY OF REQUIRED ACTION:

(A) ALL POSSIBILITIES SUGGESTED PER PARA 1 ABOVE HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED.

(B) SUFFICIENT PESTICIDES ARE ON HAND, OR IN TRANSIT, TO ENSURE THAT AIRCRAFT WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH SUFFICIENT SPRAY MATERIAL AND THAT NO COSTS WILL BE INCURRED FOR DOWN-TIME IN WAITING FOR MATERIALS.

(C) ADEQUATE TECHNICAL RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO ENSURE PROPER EXECUTION OF SPRAY PROGRAM.

(D) GON WILL PROVIDE DETAILED BUDGET BREAKDOWN AND DETAILED IMPLEMBNTATION PLAN FOR INCLUSION IN AIL WHICH MUST BE AGREED TO AND SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES PRIOR TO AUTHORIZATION OF REIMBURSEMENT.
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(E) ESTABLISHED FINANCIAL PROCEDURES, REPORTING MECHANISM, MONITORING AND ACCOUNTABILITY RULES GOVERNING R/R PROGRAM WILL BE STRICTLY REPEAT STRICTLY ADHERED TO AND ENFORCED, INCLUDING REPEAT INCLUDING EXEMPTION OF POL FROM TAXES.

(F) USG'S COMMITMENT WILL ONLY BE DOLLAR VALUE OF CONTRIBUTIONS IDENTIFIED IN AIL REGARDLESS OF EXCHANGE RATE

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FLUCTUATION OR OVERRUNS.

(G) ACTIVITY WILL BE FULLY COORDINATED WITH THE OSRO COORDINATION TEAM OF UK SPECIALISTS, THE ONGOING CIDA PROGRAM AND, IF FORTHCOMING, THE SIMILAR FRENCH EFFORT.

4. AID/W CONCERNED ABOUT HIGH COST ESTIMATE OF DOLLARS 350,000 FOR 105 DAYS. IT WOULD APPEAR FROM THIS END THAT SIXTY DAYS, I.E., AUGUST/SEPTEMBER, IS MAXIMUM FEASIBLE PERIOD OPERATION. EVEN WITH REDUCED NUMBER OF FLYING DAYS,

PER DAY COST OF DOLLARS 3,333 APPEARS INFLATED.

5. RDO/NIAMEY MUST FURTHER ADDRESS QUESTIONS POSED PARA 1, REF (E) AND ADVISE AID/W BEFORE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AA/AFR FOR REPROGRAMMING OF FUNDS BETWEEN SECTORS CAN BE INITIATED. AID/W ASSESSMENT IS THAT FUNDS, IF APPROVED, WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SECTOR II (AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION). RDO SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT AID/W PREPARED PROCEED BASIS THAT RDO/N WILL NEGOTIATE MINIMUM NECESSARY BUDGET AND THAT AMOUNT REQUIRED CAN BE ACCOMODATED WITHIN PRESENT DOLLARS 2.5 MILLION GA AFTER NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES (E.G., CFA APPRECIATION AND COST ESCALATION) HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED.

6. RDO/NIAMEY MAY PROCEED ON BASIS THAT AID/W WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF R/R ACTIVITY AFTER RDO/NIAMEY HAS INDICATED SATISFACTION THAT POINTS COVERED IN PARAS 1 AND 3 ABOVE ADEQUATELY COVERED AND THAT ADEQUATE COST ESTIMATES AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED. IF YOUR JUDGMENT THAT ABOVE CONDITIONS CAN BE SATISFIED, ASSUME RDO/NIAMEY WILL BEGIN DRAFTING AIL IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER DONORS AND GON.
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7. REPEATING REF (A) TO ROME AND PARIS. KISSINGER

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